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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including information on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome  
in a resource pamphlet for parents of newborn children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 161.501(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(a) A hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse midwife,  
or midwife who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman during  
gestation or at delivery of an infant shall:

(1) provide the woman and the father of the infant, if  
possible, or another adult caregiver for the infant, with a  
resource pamphlet that includes:

(A) a list of the names, addresses, and phone  
numbers of professional organizations that provide postpartum  
counseling and assistance to parents relating to postpartum  
depression and other emotional trauma associated with pregnancy and  
parenting;

(B) information regarding the prevention of  
shaken baby syndrome including:

(i) techniques for coping with anger caused  
by a crying baby;

(ii) different methods for preventing a  
person from shaking a newborn, infant, or other young child;

(iii) the dangerous effects of shaking a

1 newborn, infant, or other young child; and

2 (iv) the symptoms of shaken baby syndrome  
3 and who to contact, as recommended by the American Academy of  
4 Pediatrics, if a parent suspects or knows that a baby has been  
5 shaken in order to receive prompt medical treatment;

6 (C) a list of diseases for which a child is  
7 required by state law to be immunized and the appropriate schedule  
8 for the administration of those immunizations; ~~and~~

9 (D) the appropriate schedule for follow-up  
10 procedures for newborn screening; and

11 (E) information regarding Sudden Infant Death  
12 Syndrome, including current recommendations for infant sleeping  
13 conditions to lower the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome;

14 (2) document in the woman's record that the woman  
15 received the information described in Subdivision (1); and

16 (3) retain the documentation for at least five years  
17 in the hospital's, birthing center's, physician's, nurse midwife's,  
18 or midwife's records.

19 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Department of  
20 State Health Services shall update the resource pamphlet on the  
21 department's website to include the information about Sudden Infant  
22 Death Syndrome required by Section 161.501, Health and Safety Code,  
23 as amended by this Act.

24 SECTION 3. A hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse  
25 midwife, or midwife who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman  
26 during gestation or at delivery of an infant is not required to  
27 provide the updated brochure containing the information about

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1 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome required by Section 161.501, Health  
2 and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, before March 1, 2010.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.